MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The rates of freight per ton of 20 cwts of rice and paddy and grain from Rangoon are as follows:—

	Rice	Paddy and Grain
To Colachel	Rs. 19-8-0	Rs. 20-8-0
,, Quilon	do.	do.
,, Alleppey	,, 19-0-0	,, 20-0-0
,, Cochin	,, 18-0-0	,, 19-0-0

These rates are subject to a rebate of Re. 1/—per ton.

Appeal cases in the District Courts in the State.

112. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appeal cases filed in each of the District Courts in the State during the years 1114 and 1115 M. E.;

(*b*) the number of appeal cases disposed of in the above courts during those years;

(*c*) the number of appeals allowed in each of those Courts during the year 1114 ; and

(*d*) the number of appeals dismissed in each of those Courts during the year 1114 ?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*);

(*a*) to (d) A statement showing the information required is laid on the table.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I now the reason why the majority of the cases have either been reversed or remanded for re-trial ?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The unsatisfactory nature of the disposal in the lower court.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Is it due to the wrong findings of the lower court or to the wrong conclusions drawn by the appellate court ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: No, Sir. A remand is ordered only when it is found that it is in the end of justice that the case should be remanded and the decision of the appellate court is always the best decision in the matter.

Gazetted Officers.

113. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle underlying the classification of Government officers as Gazetted Officers ;

(*b*) whether the Co-operative Inspectors, Forest Range Officers, and P. W. D. Section Officers are Gazetted officers ; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

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MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A reference is invited to Article 359 of the Financial and Account Code.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) These cases are not covered by the Financial and Account Code Article referred to above.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the graduate teachers in the Education Department are declared as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN; Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether the Co-operative Inspectors, Forest Range Officers and P. W. D. Section Officers have to discharge more onerous and responsible duties than the schoolmasters and other such gazetted officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: It is a comparative question, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether the Forest Range Officers and the Co-operative Inspectors have to enter private houses for discharging their official duties?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: I have heard the member state so, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, my question was not whether the member had heard it but whether Government are aware of that fact.

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they are aware that for the purpose of making searches and effecting distress of immovable property, these officers will have to enter private houses?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Quite possible Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether non-gazetted officers are being prosecuted in certain criminal cases without the previous sanction of Government being obtained under Section 73 Cr. P. C.?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Government have no information.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether in preferring complaints against the Forest Range Officers and the Co-operative Inspectors for certain acts they have done in the course of their official duties, Government sanction is necessary for preferring criminal complaints against them?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a question of law, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware of that position?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Government are aware that in certain cases when public servants have to be prosecuted, the sanction of Government has to be obtained.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI May I know whether Government sanction is necessary when preferring complaints against Co-operative Inspectors and Forest Range Officers?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That will depend upon the nature of the offence committed.

PRESIDENT: Has any such case arisen till now?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I have come across more than three or four cases of that description.

PRESIDENT: You may send the information to Government and they will look into the matter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir, I shall.

Forestry Course in the Travancore University.

114. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications were received for admission to the Forestry Course in the Travancore University;

(*b*) how many were admitted;

(*c*) how many were selected from the Forest Department;

(*d*) what is the minimum qualification prescribed for that course; and

(*e*) what is the caste-war analysis of the number of applications received for admission and the number of admissions made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*):

(*a*) 123

(*b*) 15

(*c*) 5

(*d*) The Intermediate Examination of a recognised University in India with Natural Science, Physics and Chemistry as optionals or any other examination recognised as equivalent thereto.

(*e*) A caste war statement of the applications received and of the admissions made is laid on the table.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, I find that out of the 15 candidates that were admitted only one is an Ezhava, though six had applied. May I know the reason for it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I think four were declared ineligible because they made more than three attempts to pass the Inter-mediate Examination. We had to restrict the number selected for interview as there were 123 applications. So, we adopted the rule that a person who passed the Intermediate Examination after the third attempt should be ineligible. According to this, three were found ineligible and in regard to one I am not at all sure that his application was not rejected on the ground of over-age. So, only two Ezhavas appeared before us.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Among the five who were selected from the Forest Department, may I know whether there is any Ezhava?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim, notice, Sir.

The selection was entirely in the hands of the Conservator of Forests.

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